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1. H.R. 7867 WAS INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES JUNE 12, 1975 BY MR. HAYS OF OHIO AND WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. IT READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE A BILL TO AMEND THE MUTUAL EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE ACT OF 1961 TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION BY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN CERTAIN CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, NOTWITHSTANDING THAT THE EXPENSES OF SUCH OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WILL BE PAID BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, THAT THE MUTUAL EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE ACT OF 1961 IS AMENDED BY ADDING IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECTION 108 THE FOLLOWING NEW SECTION:

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"SEC. 108A. (A)(1) CONGRESS CONSENTS TO THE ACCEPTANCE BY

A FEDERAL EMPLOYEE OF GRANTS AND OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF SUCH FEDERAL EMPLOYEE IN A CULTURAL EXCHANGE--

"(A) WHICH IS OF THE TYPE DESCRIBED IN SECTION 102(A)(2)(I) OF THIS ACT,

"(B) WHICH IS CONDUCTED FOR A PURPOSE COMPARABLE TO THE PURPOSE STATED IN SECTION 101 OF THIS ACT, AND

"(C) WHICH IS SPECIFICALLY APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION;

BUT THE CONGRESS DOES NOT CONSENT TO THE ACCEPTANCE BY ANY FEDERAL EMPLOYEE OF ANY PORTION OF ANY SUCH GRANT OR OTHER FORM OF ASSISTANCE WHICH PROVIDES ASSISTANCE WITH RESPECT TO ANY EXPENSES INCURRED BY OR FOR ANY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD OF SUCH FEDERAL EMPLOYEE.

"(2) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM 'FEDERAL EMPLOYEE' MEANS ANY EMPLOYEE AS DEFINED IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (A) THROUGH (E) OF SECTION 7342(A)(1) OF TITLE 5 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE A PERSON DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (F) OF SUCH SECTION.

"(B) THE GRANTS AND OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THE CONSENT OF CONGRESS IS GIVEN IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE GIFTS FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 7342 OF TITLE 5 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

"(C) THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS AUTHORIZED TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.". UNQUOTE.

2. IN RECENT STATEMENT BEFORE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY JOHN RICHARDSON SUPPORTED THIS LEGISLATION. KISSINGER

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